was also made in regard to this allegation and it was found that the allegation is not correct. Further, on a oral complaint regarding the alleged misbehaviour of the Accountant that he had been found drinking in the college premises, the Police after investigation found that the anonymous complaint was false and baseless

Effects of food additives

1344. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hyper activity caused in children due to use of various food additives in processed food and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Voluntary Health Association of India in an article 'Health for Millions' of October, 1988 nas drawn attention to the dangers of various additives in foods and if so, what are the details thereof and what corrective action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether, apart from promoting food additives, CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, laboratories dealing with food and nutritions, have undertaken any studies on bad effects of additives; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the excellent work done by Hyperactivity Association of South Australia on the effect of additives in creating naughty, aggressive and clumsy children and, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The different food additives permitted under PFA rules are safe and do not seem to produce hyper activity in children. No instance of hyper activity in children using processed food has come across in India.

(b) The Government has seen one publication entitled 'Health for Millions' of October, 1988 published by Voluntary Health Association of India reporting that many of the food additives are believed to cause hyper-activity in children. Food additives permitted under the provisions of PFA Rules, 1955, in general are not reported to cause hyper-activity in children.

(c) The leading R. & D. Institutions in the country do undertake studies on effect of additives as and when need arises.

(d) No such Report has come to the notice of the Government of India.

Free check-in-facility at airports by Indian Airlines

1345. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has introduced free check-in facility at the airport terminal of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines propose to introduce similar facility at other airports also; and

(c) if so, by when and how much expenditure is likely to be involved in providing such facility at other airports?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has plans to introduce free check-in facility at major airports in a phased manner. No additional expenditure is involved to Indian Airlines.

Exhibition of religious pictures in hospital

1346. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in almost every general ward of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi, there are pictures of Hindu Gods and Goddess and Sikh Gurus;